

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RICE CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the ratio of wheat and rice cultivation in the country at present;
- (b) whether there has been an increase in the rice cultivation in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, including the comparative figures for the last three years; and
- (d) the assistance given by the Government to rice cultivators/farmers during the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a): As per provisional Land Use Statistics available for 2008-09, area under cultivation for wheat and rice has been around 14.22% and 23.34% respectively of the total/gross cropped area in the country during that year.

(b) & (c): As indicated in the table below, the area coverage under rice during 2008-09 to 2010-11 has followed a fluctuating trend:-

(Million Hectare)

Year	Area Coverage under rice	Increase (+)/ Decrease(-) in area coverage over the previous year
2008-09	45.54	1.63
2009-10	41.92	-3.62
2010-11	42.56	#0.64

4th advance estimates

(d): Major programmes under which assistance is provided by Government of India to States to encourage farmers to increase production and productivity of rice in the country are National Food Security Mission-Rice(NFSM-Rice) and Integrated Cereal Development Programme-Rice (ICDP-Rice) under Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA). Besides, the States also utilized funds from the allocation under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for implementation of projects/programmes to increase production of rice. State-wise details of allocation/assistance provided by Government of India under the above Schemes/programmes during 2011-12 are given in the Annexure.